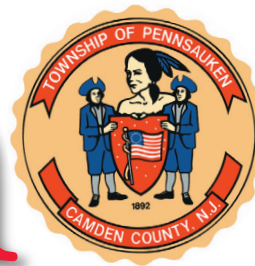


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Township Committee Holds Reorganization Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Committee held its annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Pennsauken Country Club. In keeping with state social distancing directives, local attendance was limited to 60 people, including Township elected officials, the acting administrator, acting clerk, deputy clerk, attorney, videographer, and members of the general public. The reorganization was also streamed live using Zoom conferencing software. Notice of this meeting was advertised in accordance with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act" and publicized online through the Township's website and social media channels.

The agenda of the reorganization meeting included the swearing in of a new mayor, deputy mayor, and committee members, as well as appointments to various professional positions.

Due to the publishing schedule of this issue, we are unable to provide any additional information in this edition, but will share updates via our website, AllAroundPennsauken.com, as well as our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

Township Committee Meetings For 2021

During the Jan. 5 reorganization, Pennsauken Township Committee set their 2021 meeting dates. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all future public meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

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New Members On Pennsauken Township Committee Eager To Serve

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

With the results of November's general election and a special appointment to Township Committee, there is more than one new face joining the town's local governing body, bringing different and unique perspectives, along with a desire to serve the community in which they live.

Martinez, Roberts Join Township Committee

In addition to Tim Killion's re-election to Township Committee last year, Vince Martinez won a successful bid for his first three-year term. Martinez, a 30-year resident and member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2002, is anxious to get started.

"I'm looking forward to working with the other Committee members and learning something new," said Martinez, who

earns his living as member of International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 21 Local 2011. "Growing up on Browning and Elvena by Carson School and living in Bloomfield, I get the concerns that my neighbors have. I understand where they're coming from. We all want to make sure that Pennsauken continues to be a great place to live and raise a family."

"I'm excited that Vince is joining us on Township Committee," said Killion, who served as the town's mayor for 2020. "His enthusiasm and work ethic are great additions to our team."



Longtime residents Vince Martinez and Nikki Roberts are the newest members of Pennsauken Township Committee.

With a background in youth sports – Martinez is involved both in the Merchantville Little League and organizes yearly youth baseball clinics for Pennsauken and Merchantville children – Vince

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Town's EMS Now Part Of Pennsauken Fire Department



With Pennsauken's EMS moving to become a division of the Township's Fire Department, ambulances and other emergency vehicles have taken on a new look.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, the town's Emergency Medical Services were incorporated into the Pennsauken Fire Department. And

while there are some changes, the goal of this new division remains the same: to help residents and visitors to our community during medical emergencies.

The consolidation of EMS departments into the fire service is a trend occurring throughout the country, helping to streamline processes and reduce costs. But the move locally was also spurred on by the recent retirement of EMS Chief Mike Coyle after 42 years of dedicated service to the Township.

"I've always been in favor of a merge," said Coyle. "Fire Chief [Joe] Palumbo and I had talked a long, long time about this. EMS has merged with a great group of people."

The Pennsauken Township Fire Department's Division of Emergency Medical Services is under the supervision of

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Pennsauken's COVID-19 Numbers Still On The Rise

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Coronavirus numbers, both across the state and locally, continue to surge as our community deals with the second wave. As of Dec. 30, New Jersey has announced 472,264 cumulative total cases of the virus. Drilling down into the data, Camden County has reported 28,488

positive test results; and Pennsauken has 2,896 total cases. In addition, there were 16,265 total confirmed deaths throughout the state. Seven hundred and thirty-five of these occurred in Camden County; and 45 Pennsauken residents died from COVID-19 related complications.

"It's been said numerous times, at Township Committee meetings, on videos, and in various, multiple ways, that the second wave of the coronavirus is here and it's very dangerous," said Tim Killion, who served as Pennsauken's mayor during 2020. "Please wear your mask. Please be safe. Please be mindful. This second round is worse than the first."

Vaccination Sites Opening This Month

With approved vaccines to inoculate against the coronavirus now available, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that six "mega sites" throughout the state will serve as vaccination hubs for phased priority groups. The closest hub to Pennsauken will be located at the Moorestown Mall, 400 Rt. 38, Moorestown, NJ.

Slated to open this month, these state-coordinated sites will be vaccinating front-line healthcare workers first as part of the initial phase of vaccine distribution. The next phase would include other essential workers, such as first responders, education and childcare workers, law enforcement, and government employees, as well as those at higher risk, including individuals 65 years of age and older, those with underlying medical conditions, people with compromised immune systems, and the like. Upon the completion of these phases, the vaccine will be made available to the general public. The timing of the progression among the groups in each phase will be dependent on the supply of vaccine to the state.

More detailed information about the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to Camden County residents can be found at CamdenCounty.com.

Pennsauken Public Schools Go Full Remote Week Of January 4

In an effort to address concerns about travel during winter break, as well as offer an additional measure of caution,

Pennsauken Public Schools are operating on a full remote schedule for the week of Jan. 4, returning to hybrid instruction on Monday, Jan. 11.

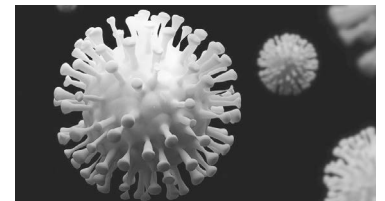
"I thank our staff, students, and school families for their flexibility and understanding as we continue to take steps to ensure the safety of our educational community during the ongoing pandemic," said Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of the Pennsauken School District.

Limited Access To Municipal Facilities

Pennsauken Township's Municipal Building continues to be accessible by appointment only. A list of key departments and their contact information can be found on this page; a more detailed directory can be found at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/changes-municipal-operations-due-covid-19.

The Pennsauken Free Public Library is open, but services, such as stack browsing and computer use, are currently unavailable. For details, visit page 29 of this issue of All Around Pennsauken.

Pennsauken's Public Safety Departments (Police, Fire, EMS) are still operating at full capacity. For emergencies, call



9-1-1. To contact Pennsauken Police's non-emergency dispatch, call (856) 663-1234.

Community Resources

Pennsauken Township puts out regular updates on the coronavirus outbreak throughout the week via its website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us; Pennsauken Television, Channel 19 on Comcast and Channel 21 on Fios; and its social media channels: [Facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp](https://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp) and [@pennsaukentwp](https://www.instagram.com/pennsaukentwp) for both Twitter and Instagram.

Residents with questions or concerns related to the coronavirus can call a free, 24-hour public hotline at 2-1-1 or (800) 962-1253, where trained professionals are standing by to answer questions. New Jersey residents can now also text NJ-COVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. More information is also available on the state's coronavirus-dedicated website at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.



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Mayor's Office: x152 or 155

Parks and Recreation: x151

Planning and Zoning: x128

Senior Services: x125

Tax Assessor: x112 or 116

Tax Collector: x118, 119 or 121

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Pennsauken Free Public Library: (856) 665-5959

Pennsauken Public Works: (856) 663-0178

Public Safety/Emergency Dispatch: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch: (856) 663-1234

EMS: (856) 665-2323

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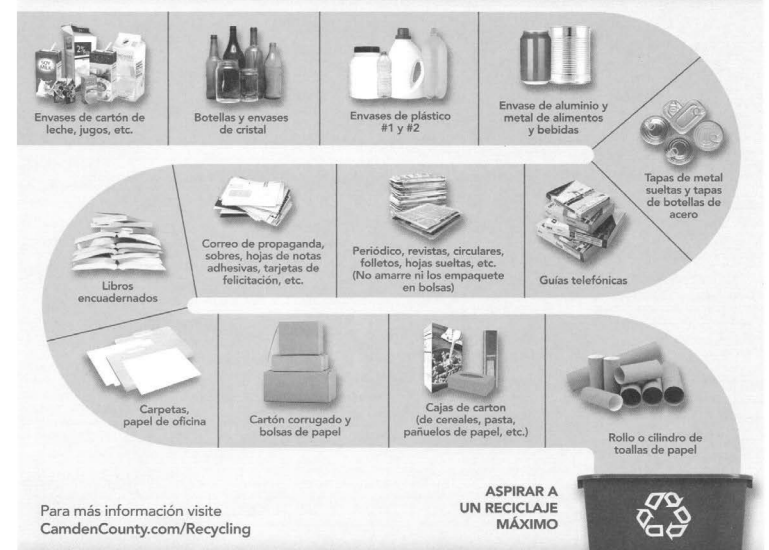
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EDITOR'S DESK This Year Has To Be Better Than 2020... Right?

EDITOR'S
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

The year 2020: one star. Would not recommend. We've finally flipped the calendar and kicked the four-alarm dumpster fire that was 2020 to the curb. We have a brand new year filled with new opportunities; and our hearts are filled with sunshine, rainbows, and puppy dogs. There's no way that 2021 can be as bad as 2020... right?

Don't get me wrong. There are a lot of things happening that should make life a whole bunch easier this year. Having a vaccine for COVID-19 being distributed is HUGE; and will go a long way to having our neighborhoods, businesses, restaurants, and schools getting back to some sense of normalcy. Activi-

ties will come back; people will get more confident; and things will be more hopeful. But it's not a magic wand.

Bad things are still going to happen. There will still be loss. We'll say goodbye to loved ones for the final time on this Earth. We'll have reminders that we're getting a little older. And in my case, a little fatter too. Stupid stress eating.

But it won't be ALL bad. Not if we have a say about it. And we definitely do. Other people are not the sources of our happiness. We are. What's happening in the world doesn't define us. How we handle it does. And people don't learn kindness and generosity out of the ether. They are shown it by others. And those others start with you.

We are our own best cheerleaders, inspirational muses, and self-help life coaches. If there's anyone who's capable

of pulling ourselves out of the muck, it's us. Want someone to hold you to task and to be a better person? Look in the mirror.

Change is inevitable and sometimes, really uncomfortable. But that's how we grow stronger. Iron sharpens iron. Heck, if 2020 taught us anything – other than mom was right about washing our hands a lot – it's that we are able to meet extraordinary challenges head on. And we don't even have to change out of our pajamas to do it.

So please secure and store all personal items, make sure that your seatbelt is firmly fastened, and that your lap bar is down and in the locked position. 2021 is going to be one heck of a ride, full of twists, turns, big drops, a few scares, and plenty of thrills. And it's definitely worth the price of admission. Don't forget: where the ride ends depends on you.

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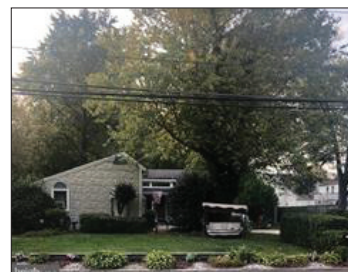
Pennsauken – Handy Person Special

An outstanding opportunity on Maple Ave. This three bedroom and one full bath brick twin home features a formal living room, a spacious formal dining room, a large and very nice eat in kitchen with gas stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, and microwave! There is also a laundry room with washer and dryer included. Upstairs features three good size bedrooms and a beautiful and updated full bath! Being sold in its' as-is condition ... Buyer responsible for any repairs and the Township CO. ... Asking \$129,900



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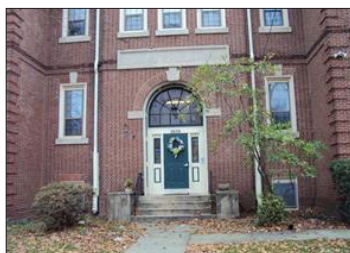
Pennsauken – Chadwyck II Bi-Level

Beautiful Chadwyck II bi-level on a large fence in yard. New carpets in the living room with cathedral ceiling, dining room, and family room. The kitchen has beautiful cherry wood kitchen cabinets, dish washer, range and new floor. The family room on the lower level has a brick fireplace. There is an inground sprinkler system. There is an upper level deck off the kitchen. This home is in Great condition. All for \$250,000



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Pennsauken – School House Condo

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WAGSWORLD Grateful For A New Year And Having Something To Say

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I am determined to make this year one of the best ever! I say this because I have had it with the negative juju that folks have been posting about this past year. The overwhelming whining about disease and elections had me down in the dumps for a long while.

The passing of friends last year topped

the charts and brought about way too much reminiscing about the "good old days." I'm finally about to bust out of my melancholy mood and am determined to do something positive. I just don't know what it will be yet.

I was sitting on my favorite park bench outside the Station in Merchantville, sipping a coffee and carving a Santa ornament for the bride's new tree, when a fellow walking his dog

passed by, then stopped and turned back. He asked if I was that guy who wrote the column in the All Around Pennsauken paper. I responded in the positive, as I am that guy, and he told me how much he enjoyed my musings. He continued to say that he and his good friend frequently discussed my stories and how they rang true to both their memories and even current feelings. I was pleased as punch and promised to keep doing the column until my old brain quits working. Then I broke the cardinal rule of folks over 50 and promised to remember all his data, without writing it down. To the nice gentleman and his little dog, thanks for giving me a lift in my spirits. I'm sure that sometime

today, or even tonight in the middle of the night, I'll leap up and shout out your name. 'Til then, I just want you to know how nice it is to know that somewhere out there, the voice is heard.

I may have mentioned earlier that I started my carving with last year's present of the chain saw. I did one small bear, and started a big one. He will be sitting on a stump, once I find a few strong backs to help me lift up the carving, so I can work standing up. The saw, by the way, works extremely well. And I am still quite leary of the thing, as I know full well it can nip off an arm or a leg, if my mind wanders, as it so often does. Meanwhile, I will continue to post pictures of my progress on Facebook, if I can remember

how to make it work.

As a final salute to the year whose name we must not mention, for those of you who have been reading past stories, there will not be any new ones regarding my good friends Jones or trout man Tom. Both good sources of funny goings on, and both highly regarded by myself, as friends who knew me, but loved me anyway. My number one source of stories, love, compassion, and Christmas cookies, the bride, remains well. The lump on her head, suffered in the great Santa Clause paint episode, has gone away. And she is still talking to me. But no nice words, just yet.

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Mireles Recognized As "Top Cop" By MADD



Officer Tim Mireles received MADD's Top Cop Award for making 130 DWI arrests in 2020.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

During a virtual event, Pennsauken Police Officer Tim Mireles was recognized for his efforts in getting intoxicated drivers off the streets. Mothers Against Drunk Driving presented Mireles with the Top Cop Award for making 130 DWI arrests in 2020.

"I'm honored," said Mireles, regarding the award. "To be able to take drunk drivers off the street, save lives, and protect families, it means a lot to me."

"In the Traffic Division, we teach officers that when they go to crashes, they should look for the person who is intoxicated," explains Lt. Gerald Henkel of the Pennsauken Police Department. "If it doesn't make sense how the accident happened or if it's obvious, they should have that mindset every time."

The Pennsauken Police Department has an ongoing commitment to find in-

toxicated drivers and get them off the road. Each year, the department applies for a drunk driving enforcement fund grant from the State of New Jersey, which allows them to have patrols and checkpoints dedicated to stopping drunk drivers. Funding is also allocated for purchasing equipment, providing training, and other tasks related to drunk driving enforcement.

"We've been doing it for years and we'll continue to do so that Pennsauken's highways and roads are safe from intoxicated drivers," said Henkel.

The mission of MADD is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.

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Over Fifty Families Helped Through 2020 Angel Tree Program

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Helping families in need during the holidays took on a new urgency in the midst of the second wave of the coronavirus outbreak. Residents and local businesses rose to the occasion through the Pennsauken Angel Tree program, which helps make sure that children have presents to open on Christmas Day. Last month, over 50 families were the gracious recipients of toys, wrapping paper, and more.

"In spite of everything going on with COVID-19, the businesses and people in our community came together to lend a

helping hand to those in need," said Elwood "Duke" Martz, director of municipal services for Pennsauken Township. "We couldn't do the Angel Tree program without all of the help we get from them. Great donations make it all possible."

"I'm extremely proud of how Pennsauken came together to help families who are struggling during the holidays," said Tim Killion, the Township Committee member who served as mayor for 2020. "This is a community that cares about one another. It's what makes our town special."

Throughout December, a variety of

residents, many of whom wished to remain anonymous, dropped off donations of new, unwrapped toys. In addition, the response to the Township's two toy donation drive thru events was impressive, filling several large buckets full of presents for needy children. Many individuals, groups, and businesses provided toy and/or financial donations to help the

Angel Tree program, including All Around Pennsauken; Bombardier Transportation; Karen Giambrone and Mr. Softee of Pennsauken; the Gross-Hollinsed VFW Post 1270 Auxiliary; Michael Bruce Florist; Physicians and Tactical Healthcare Services, LLC (PATHS); Play With This Toys and Collectibles; the Pennsauken Lions Club; the Penn-

sauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (PMAC); Rosenberger North America; Joel Bethany; Mark Huddell and Kerry Miller; Francis and Patricia McCarthy; Mike Perrone; and Amber Rossi. The Pennsauken Angel Tree program thanks them for their extremely generous donations.



Both the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (pictured here) and the Pennsauken Lions Club made significant donations for the town's Angel Tree Program. Last month, residents and local business owners came together to help families in need during the holidays.

*Out with the old, in with the new!
Here's hoping all make the most of 2021! Happy New Year!*



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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

By the time this paper hits your mailbox, we will have narrowly escaped what I hope will be the worst year in our lifetimes. Although the effects of COVID-19 upon our daily lives is not yet gone, we have hope that the availability of vaccine in 2021 will close that chapter and get us back to being us.

Reflecting back on my January 2020 article, the biggest obstacle that we needed to tackle was getting the entire town's recycling contamination levels down. Boy, what a simpler world it was! In that same article, I wrote about the hope of our Department to serve you with our best efforts "with anything that comes in 2020." To that end, I would be remiss to not acknowledge the diligence of the Department of Public Works staff that allowed us to serve the needs of Pennsauken. Following some strict, yet necessary operational protocols, our staff avoided any widespread manpower

A New Year With New Opportunities To Serve

shortages due to quarantine. My colleagues in other towns, mainly in the northern part of the state, experienced backlogs of work due to the pandemic. It's yet another example of how our team approaches their work and gives me the confidence that we'll always get the job done, no matter the conditions. Regardless, I resolve to look forward to the return of annual events in our community and the ability to enjoy the company of our fellow neighbors and coworkers once again, without reservation.

Leaf Collection Concluded

As we do each and every year, the Department of Public Works suspended curbside leaf pile collection on Dec. 31 and began winter operations to get a jump on things while the weather is fair. Public Works staff will shift their focus on cleaning leaves out of the parks and playgrounds and now require all remaining leaves to be bagged or canned and placed at the curb for Wednesday yard debris pickup. There is no limit to the amount of yard debris you may place out.

Live Tree Disposal

You can place your live Christmas tree at your curb on Tuesday afternoons for collection during the normal Wednesday yard debris pickup. It does not have to be in a bag, nor cut up. However, if you have a live tree that is flocked or has lights, tinsel, etc. remaining on the tree, you will have to place it out with your regular trash, due to the non-vegetative material.

Snow Plowing

Last month, our Department of Public Works worked overtime to handle a mid-December snowstorm that saw approximately 4 inches of snow blanket our community. Typically, plowing operations won't begin until 4 inches of accumulation. Public Works has the rock salt storage building filled to the brim and ready for whatever conditions the winter throws our way. It is our mission to plow from curb to curb to provide the widest area for emergency vehicles to maneuver. We encourage residents to not dig out their driveway aprons until we've

been down your street. This is an unfortunate byproduct of plowing and we request your patience as our crews typically endure countless overnight hours to clear our town. Here's hoping for another mild winter!

Dealing With Potholes

A winter article wouldn't be complete without the mentioning of potholes. Pennsauken's Department of Public Works has a designated crew that responds to all reports of potholes located on Pennsauken roads. Remember, not all roads within Pennsauken's borders are owned by the Township or maintained by Public Works. Potholes tend to pop up when the weather begins to get warm and then cold again. That being said, if you come across one over the deep freeze months, we can temporarily fill them until conditions are improved enough for a proper cut-out and patch can be made.

To report potholes found on county roads, call the Camden County Depart-

ment of Public Works at (856) 566-2980, or visit www.camdencounty.com/service/public-works/county-road-report-form to submit the information. For all potholes found on Pennsauken roads, just give our office a call, send us an email, or contact us via Facebook at our info listed below.

I hope you and your loved ones found the Holiday Season to be enjoyable and we look forward to serving you this year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (856) 663-0178, email publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj, or connect via Facebook at "Pennsauken Department of Public Works."

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AARP AARP Tax-Aide Services Available February 1

AARP Tax-Aide services will again be available to residents in the Pennsauken/Merchantville area as of Monday, Feb. 1. But there is a big twist for 2021: there will be NO on-site tax preparation! Instead, taxpayers will have the choice of three models:

Low Contact

Taxpayers interact with an IRS-certified tax aide in a short meeting, during which time all tax documents will be scanned and returned to the taxpayer. These meetings, by appointment only, will be held in the Pennsauken Library's Community Room on Wednesdays and Thursdays, subject to the "open" status of the Library. Available appointments can only be found by accessing AARP's Tax-Aide's Site Location Finder and then completing the reservation form for the Pennsauken Library. The Location Finder goes live on or about Jan. 15. If, after accessing the site, there are no appointments

available, taxpayers can add themselves to the wait list and will be contacted by an AARP tax aide when appointments do become available. Once the tax return has been completed, the taxpayer will be contacted again, to determine final resolution.

Contactless

Taxpayers interact remotely with an IRS-certified tax aide via phone or computer to exchange information and documents with the tax aide completing the tax return(s). The request for virtual tax prep services can only be made thru the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation's website, which will be available on or about Jan. 15.

Self Preparation

The AARP Tax-Aide Foundation provides taxpayers with free access to software, so they can prepare their own taxes. Taxpayers can also request help from an IRS-certified counselor to coach them through the process by phone or

through computer screen sharing. The request for tax prep assistance can only be made thru the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation's website which will be available sometime in January. An email

Hypothermia: Signs To Look For And What To Do

Information Provided By
Connor Strong & Buckelew

Cold-related injuries and illnesses can slowly overcome a person who has been chilled by low temperatures, brisk winds, or wet clothing. When in a cold environment, the body keeps internal organs warm by increasing blood flow to the core and decreasing blood flow to extremities. As a result, an individual is at an elevated risk for hypothermia.

When hypothermia occurs, the normal body temperature drops to or below 95° F and causes fatigue, drowsiness, uncontrolled shivering, bluish skin, slurred speech, clumsy movements, irritability, and irrational or confused behavior.

If you suspect someone has hypothermia:

address must be provided.

Please do not contact the Pennsauken Library about any of the AARP Tax-Aide service offerings. They are wonderful, supportive hosts, but they are

not AARP Tax-Aide volunteers. When the links to the above service models become available, that information will be shared with the Library.

- Call for emergency assistance as soon as possible.
- Move the person to a warm, dry area. Do not leave them alone.
- Remove any wet clothing and replace it with warm, dry clothing or wrap the person in blankets.
- Have the person drink a warm, sweet drink (sugar water or a sports drink) if they are alert.
- Have the person move his or her arms and legs to create muscle heat. If he or she are unable to do this, place warm bottles or hot packs in the armpits, groin, neck, and head area.
- DO NOT rub the person's body or place him or her in a warm water bath, as this may stop the heart.

If you suspect someone has hypothermia while he or she is in water:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Body heat is lost up to 25 times faster in water.
- DO NOT remove any clothing. Instead, button, buckle, zip, and tighten any collars, cuffs, shoes, and hoods. The layer or trapped water closest to the body provides insulation that slows heat loss.
- Get the person out of the water as soon as possible or have him or her climb on a floating item. The person should not attempt to swim, unless another person or object can be reached.
- If getting the person out the water is impossible, help the person to wait quietly to conserve body heat by folding their arms across their chest, keeping their thighs together, bending the knees and crossing the ankles.

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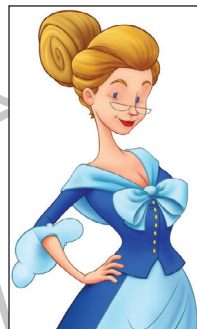
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SENIORCORNER Energy Assistance, Preventive Services Available For Seniors

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. You may be eligible for some help keeping your home warm during the winter, thanks to several government-sponsored programs.

The Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program, providing one-time aid to low income households for their heating costs. Even if these costs are included as part of an individual's rent, they may still be eligible to receive aid. Benefit eligibility is de-

pendent upon income guidelines and whether or not you're responsible for paying for the heat. The Home Energy Assistance Program is administered by the Office of Housing and Community Resources. For more information, call (800) 510-3102.

Created by New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities, the Universal Service Fund helps low-income households pay for their electric and natural gas bills. To qualify, a household must be income eligible based on program guidelines and

spend more than three percent of household income on gas and/or electricity. For more information, call (866) 240-1347.

The Lifeline Utility Assistance Program helps eligible low-income senior citizens and the disabled with their electric and natural gas costs. Homeowners and renters can apply for Lifeline by filling out the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) application. For more information, call (800) 792-9745.

The Temporary Relief For Utility Ex-

penses (TRUE) program was designed to help low to moderate income households to pay their natural gas and electric bills. This program provides benefits only to income eligible households who have not received assistance through the Universal Service Fund or the Home Energy Assistance Program in the past 12 months, have a notice of overdue payment for gas or electric service, and have a good payment history on their utility bills. For more information, call (732) 982-8710.

The Weatherization Assistance Pro-

gram helps elderly, handicapped and low-income persons to weatherize their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. Eligible recipients will receive both an energy audit and installation of the recommended energy efficiency measures at no cost. For more information, call (609) 984-1947.

Wishing you good health and happiness in the New Year, particularly through the pandemic. Now that there's a vaccine, let's hope we get back to normal as soon as possible.

County Commissioners Swear In Dyer As Newest Member

The Camden County Commissioners swore in its newest member on December 15, 2020 welcoming in Al Dyer, a Pennsauken resident who was elected in November to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Susan Shin Angulo. Dyer's term will end in December 2021.

Al Dyer is a public servant with more than 20 years of experience in youth athletics and education. He received his BS in Industrial Technology Management from Montclair State University and a M.E.D. in School Leadership from Wilm-

ington University. He is currently the Athletic Executive Director of Camden Health and Athletic Association and oversees the day-to-day functions of the organization. He joins the Commissioners after one year on the Township Committee for Pennsauken, where he has lived for over 20 years with his wife and daughters.

Dyer is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, where he played football and basketball, and previously served as the vice chairman of the Pennsauken Planning Board.

"On behalf of the County Commis-

sioners, I am pleased and excited to welcome Al Dyer to this body, where I know he will continue his lifelong pursuit of public service and community engagement," said Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. "Al has spent two decades helping to foster growth and positive development in young people and student athletes, and will undoubtedly bring that same passion to helping better the lives of all Camden County residents."

"We thank Al for his service on Township Committee and wish him much luck and success in his new role," said

Pennsauken Township Committeeman Tim Killion, who served with Dyer last year. "There's no doubt he'll represent Pennsauken well."

"I'm truly humbled and honored to serve as a Camden County Commissioner," wrote Dyer in a social media post last month. "Welcome to the next chapter. Let's Go!!!"

Pennsauken's Al Dyer was sworn in last month as the newest Camden County Commissioner. Photo credit: Al Dyer, Facebook.



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Baldwin Preschoolers Learn About Trees



Preschool students in Ms. Fumo's class at Baldwin learned about trees in their recent unit of study. Students talked about the parts of a tree; what trees need to grow; and which animals live in a tree. They finished up their tree study creating a pinecone bird feeder project. Here, students proudly display their creations!

Phifer Teacher Publishes Her First Book



Sixth grade ELA teacher Mrs. Keenesha Judge recently published her first book!

Congratulations to one of Phifer's teachers, Ms. Judge. The sixth grade ELA teacher recently published her first book, entitled, "Knowing My Beauty: Nikkiya's Magical Locket."

Nikkiya is being bullied at school, which makes her question who she is and how she feels about herself. With the help of her Big Mama and a magical family heirloom, Nikkiya has an experience that uplifts her, gives her pride about being a young black woman, and helps her love who she is.

"Knowing My Beauty" is currently for sale on Amazon. Please support one of our own Pennsauken graduates and enjoy the wonderful story of a young girl learning to love herself. Congratulations again, Keenesha Judge!

PEA Pride To Hold MLK Day Of Service

PEA Pride is hosting its MLK Day of Service a little differently this year. To keep socially distant and safe, we are asking members and Pennsauken families to sign up to make a full bag for Angels in Motion, the non-profit helping those battling addiction in the Philadelphia area. Items are usually \$1 a piece at the dollar store; and the PEA will provide the bags for those who are creating such.

In addition, we are offering a token of appreciation from PEA Pride upon drop off of the bag(s). Please consider helping out and signing up through Sign-Up Genius: <http://bit.ly/PEA-MLK>.

Car-side drop off will be on Monday, Jan. 18, at the Pennsauken High School parking lot (300 wing) from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Board Of Education Reorganization Meeting Held January 7

By the Pennsauken Board of Education

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its reorganization meeting on Thursday, Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m., in Room 327 at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd.

At this meeting, several members will take the oath of office for their new three-year terms: Lisa Eckel, Maria James, and Orlando Rivera. In addition,

all members commit in writing to follow the Code of Ethics for School Board Members. Members also nominate and vote on one member to serve as president and one member to serve as vice-president for that year.

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Homemade Meatball Atop our homemade gravy with melted provolone cheese and grated romano cheese	Caesar Salad Romaine lettuce, cherry tomato, grated romano cheese and caesar dressing, on top of provolone cheese. (Grilled chicken additional charge)
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Intermediate School Gives Back

In these difficult times, Pennsauken Intermediate School staff wanted to recognize the true meaning of the holiday season. We pondered: What can we do to bring happiness to the families in need within our wonderful town of Pennsauken?

Through the generosity of teachers and staff, collections of gift cards and monetary donations were gathered to contribute to needy families within our school. Families were able to purchase food and gifts for the holiday season. Additionally,

the generosity of local churches also added to the collections. Special thanks to the East Pennsauken United Methodist Church, for their gift card donations, and to Mr. Richard Smith and Pastor Andrew Cannon from the Faith Baptist Church, for the donation of over 20 food baskets to families in need of holiday dinner.

Pennsauken Intermediate School administrators, teachers, and staff hope that this holiday season was filled with love, peace and, health!

Books Bring Sense Of Normalcy

The 2020-2021 school year has been a weird one. Out of an abundance of caution, all school libraries are closed in the District. But, this does not stop the library staff from providing books and reading aloud to Franklin's students.

Every week, Ms. Chaparro, our plucky library assistant, brings her "bookmobile," also known as her library cart, to all of the classrooms, so that the students can pick books.

Ms. Chaparro says, "The students really get excited when they see me coming! They enjoy choosing their books and I enjoy seeing their faces light up!"

On a biweekly basis, the district librarian, Ms. Zino, comes to Franklin to read to the preschool, kindergarten and first grade classes. Even though the students cannot physically go to the library, they

pretend that they are in the library during the read aloud lesson.

Ms. Zino notes, "The students and I have so much fun during library time. Because of the pandemic, I try to read silly books that make the students laugh. I also wear funny hats or bring in props. The students really appreciate the lessons."

For those not physically in school, Ms. Zino has begun to offer live virtual read alouds to remote-only preschool, kindergarten and first grade classes.

And, last but not least, if your children are missing reading books, stop by Pennsauken High School on Monday nights. The library staff hands out FREE books during the food distribution from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Reading is alive and well in this pandemic!

Franklin Holds Thanksgiving Food Drive



Franklin staff and school families teamed up to collect food donations for the Food Bank of South Jersey, just in time for Thanksgiving! Thank you to everyone who helped!

Fine Participates In Turkey Trot

Veteran Pennsauken Language Arts teacher, Sabrina Mammi, expanded Phi Phi Middle School's long running Turkey Trot to the entire district this year. She and the PEA Pride Committee organized a 1.25-mile course that wove its way around and through the entire Pennsauken High School campus. The Pennsauken maintenance team neatly laid out the path with cones and arrows, making it easy for the many runners to follow.

Celebrating Fine's Students Of The Month

In past years at Fine School, students of the month were brought to the cafeteria to enjoy an edible treat and listen to a story read by the principal. Students are chosen in each classroom for different character traits exhibited in categories like displaying good manners, being a leader, kindness and helpfulness, and being reliable, just to name a few. While the categories haven't changed in 2020, the way to celebrate this year's students of the month is definitely different.

This year, students receive a Star Student prize, a certificate, and a story read by Mr. Honeyman; but it does not take place in the cafeteria. Social distancing protocols prevent students from gathering around the principal while he reads. Instead, Mr. Honeyman hosts a virtual story time on the weekend with the students of the month. Students log onto their Chromebooks and "step" into Mr.



Kindergarten student Tommy Spiegel was recognized for his good leadership.

Honeyman's living room, where he just might still be in his pajamas reading a story next to his dog, Jackson!

Even though Fine students cannot physically be together for a story, they can still enjoy another reading environment with the principal and might even have a little more fun!



Several members of Fine's staff ran in November's Turkey Trot.

Crawford; and Mr. Honeyman. This event will surely grow as the years push forward!

PEA Pride did a fantastic job organizing this trot!

Learning About Trees At Franklin



Franklin's Pre-K has been studying trees, learning about how they grow and change; how to identify their parts; and which animals live there. One of their favorite projects was using tree parts like leaves and twigs to create their own creatures!



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Beginning A New Semester Of Learning In Pennsauken

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd², M.S., M.B.S., M.A.², Ed.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools

I hope that everyone – staff, students, and school families – enjoyed the holidays and had a restful winter break. As we continue with full remote learning through Jan. 8, and return to hybrid learning on Jan. 11, I thank each and every one of you for your flexibility and understanding as we continue to take steps to ensure the safety of our educational community during the ongoing pandemic.

I, along with the Board of Education, are very grateful for the administrators who have shown their leadership, and the teachers and staff members who have shown their courage by serving our students and families during times such as

these. They have not only shown courage by doing their duty, but also have truly gone above and beyond.

For example, last semester, Phifer's Middle School staff gave out gifts and gift cards, in addition to stocking stuffers, for families that have suffered tragic loss during the holiday season. Even more incredibly, the father of a staff member (who shall remain anonymous) donated \$2,000 for students/families that are in need within our community. We are all extremely proud of you!

Our coaches also taught important life lessons to our student athletes. While our teams didn't win every game, they learned something more important: that regardless of uncontrollable circumstances, you must show up and work hard. There is no more powerful lesson

for students than to confront adversity in times of uncertainty. Well done!

All teachers have truly pivoted their instruction as to accommodate all learners, especially students that are learning from a distance. So much has changed in one year and Pennsauken Public School educators have made the transition seamless and helpful to our learners and families.

As we begin a brand new semester of learning, I thank each and every one of our parents and guardians for supporting their children during this unprecedented school year. Pennsauken Public Schools remain committed to offering a safe learning environment for our staff and students. Working together – and despite all of the obstacles we have faced – we will continue to help our children grow and succeed in 2021 and beyond.

Intermediate School Students Of The Month

Pennsauken Intermediate School celebrates our October students of the month!

These students are recognized for academic excellence, proving that despite the challenges presented this school year, they are still working beyond expectations to achieve their academic goals. Congratulations to all of our October Superstars: Abnell Abrante Ortiz, Farah Ali, Iliana Ali, Jaelyn Blacknall, Angelo Cancelliere, Evan Cook-Sample, London Crimi, Jonah Cruz, Parker Davis-Schlegel, Mariah Gutierrez, Alanis James, Donyell Knight, Victoria Le, Giselle Leduc, Jazriel Liranzo-Espinal, Zyha'Marah Macklin, Magali Medina-Ramos, Kyema Miller



Pennsauken Intermediate School celebrates their students of the month for October.

Hicks, Mark Mohlin, Angela Nguyen, Kristen Nguyen, Anthony Nunez, Gervin Nunez, Lailah Perez, William Snyder, Erin Sullivan, MiaRose Torres, Maryel

Torres Tellez, Allen Trieu, Nathan Weid, and Izabella Winter.

Mr. Robin's Class Creates Gratitude Tree

Third grade students in Mr. Jay Robin's class at Fine brainstormed all the things they are thankful for to create a Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree.

Students received two leaves and wrote down something they are grateful for this year and hung it proudly on the tree.

Thanksgiving is always a time to reflect on things we're grateful for, but this year it's especially important. At a time when there is so much stress and worry, it's vital to be mindful of the many positive things we still have.

This tree replaced Mr. Robin's color behavior chart at the front of the room, because they felt it is more important right now for students to look ahead and be reminded of the things they are grateful for rather than the consequences of



Students in Mr. Robin's class showed what they were thankful for with a Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree.

unsatisfactory behavior. Mr. Honeyman agreed with this positive atmosphere!

Making Christmas Trees At Carson



Mrs. Mestiri's pre-kindergarten class at Carson enjoyed decorating their Christmas trees. Mrs. Anderson guided the students to help make their projects extra special! Children used paint brushes to add glitter. After they dried, students added sequins for balls and a shining gold or silver star. The children were very excited to work on their trees!

Learning About The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

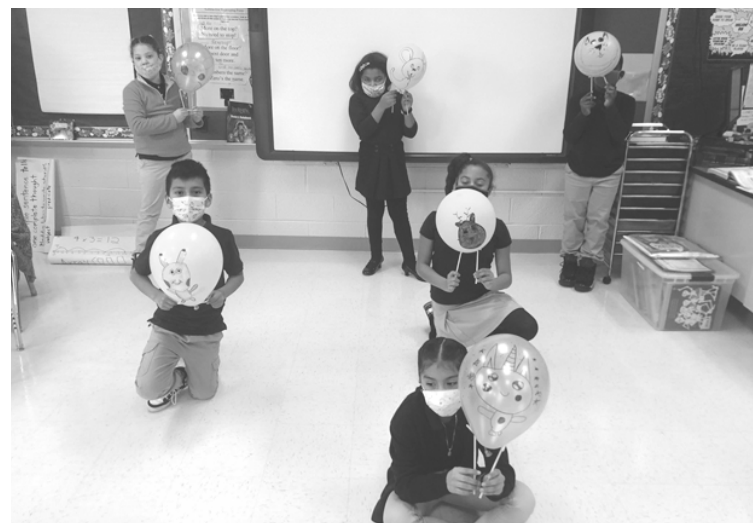
Thanksgiving is all about traditions, and even though this year might have looked different, Mrs. Kosmaczewski's third grade class at Carson Elementary School still learned about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Ms. Clemens, the class' student teacher from Rowan University, read the story, "Balloons Over Broadway," written by Melissa Sweet. The students learned about the master puppeteer, Tony Sarg, and how the annual parade began in the

windows of Macy's in New York City.

After listening to the story, the students had the opportunity to design their own Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon! When all of the students were finished with their designs, the class enjoyed a socially distant parade of balloons that was shared with their parents through our online platform!

The students did a wonderful job and had a great time being puppeteers!



Third graders at Carson designed their own balloons for a socially distant parade!

Fine Elementary Holds Food Drive

Julia Alvarez, Dominican American poet and author, wisely stated, "The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on." In this light, the English language learners (ELLs) at Fine Elementary School passed on kindness by collecting

canned and packaged foods for the Food Bank of South Jersey and its affiliates.

The Fine School family donated over 270 food items between Nov. 12 and Dec. 3. Kindness, community and generosity are always in season!



The school family at Fine Elementary donated over 270 food items to the Food Bank of South Jersey.


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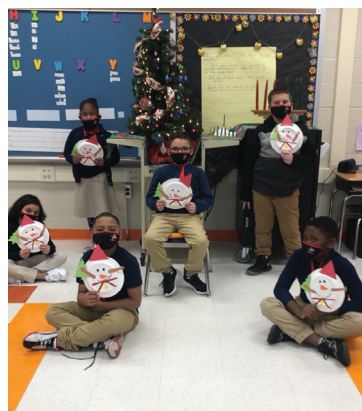
- 1) Identify and understand the cultural influences that affect the way a child views and responds to their world
- 2) Understand the effects of trauma (chronic stress) on children and adults
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Carson Third Graders Spread Winter Cheer

Ms. Vance's third graders at Carson wanted to spread some winter cheer to the patients at Pennsylvania Hospital. With the help of class assistants, Mrs. Criaris and Mrs. Gonzalez, they made snowmen to share with patients who are not able to have visitors because of COVID-19.

Ms. Vance's daughter, Meg, is a Clinical Nurse Education Specialist at Pennsylvania Hospital. She is looking forward to making patients smile by giving our snowmen to them!



Carson third graders made snowmen to cheer up patients at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Franklin Second Graders' Remote Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving in 2020 meant celebrating family to Mrs. Tropiano's and Ms. Silver's second graders.

Inspired by the Great Thanksgiving Listen, part of NPR's Oral History StoryCorps project, students chose a family member to interview. First, students thought about which adult family member they would like to get to know better. Next, they wrote questions to ask that person. Connecting to our social studies

curriculum about family and how things change over time, many questions asked about how their childhood was similar and different from childhood today. The second graders then recorded their interviews using Flipgrid, a tool for engaging students in video discussions.

This was a memorable and special experience for Franklin students and their families.

Santa Visits School Families At Field House



Thank you to all of the families that participated in our "Santa in the Field House" event and the District's "Santa's Helpers" that lent a hand to make this a successful event!

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Thank you to everyone who participated in Pennsauken's Holiday Home Decorating Contest for 2020 and congratulations to all of our winners!



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Pennsauken Lions Still Gave Back During A Challenging Year

The Pennsauken Lions Club would like to thank the many individuals and organizations that supported the Lions during 2020 and helped to shape lives of so many individuals and families. We sincerely hope that your holidays were a joyous one for you and your family.

While COVID-19 continues to affect our community in ways not imaginable just a year ago, the Pennsauken Lions Club continues to support our community by helping those most in need in our area, in spite of its restrictions.

Though these restrictions have impacted the way the Lions conduct business in our community, the Pennsauken Lions were able to create a partnership between Lions District 16L of Southern



The Pennsauken Lions Club made a significant donation of toys and gift cards for the 2020 Angel Tree program, which helps families in need during the holidays.

New Jersey and the Food Bank of South Jersey to help food insecure families in our community and throughout our re-

gion. Thanks to this effort, we were able, through online and direct donations to the Food Bank, able to provide 1,462 meals to 681 individuals during the holidays. For Christmas, thanks to our dedicated members, we were able to provide toys and gift cards to 50 needy children of our community.

The Lions Club, like many of our community partners, have been limited on what we can and cannot do due to COVID-19. However, it continues to support many of its traditional programs, like screening children for eye issues in the Pennsauken, Merchantville and parochial schools on a limited basis; as well as collecting used eyeglasses, which are then recycled, to help individuals with vision problems.

When you become a Lion, you become part of a network of organizations, businesses and community volunteers committed to making a difference for the betterment of our community.

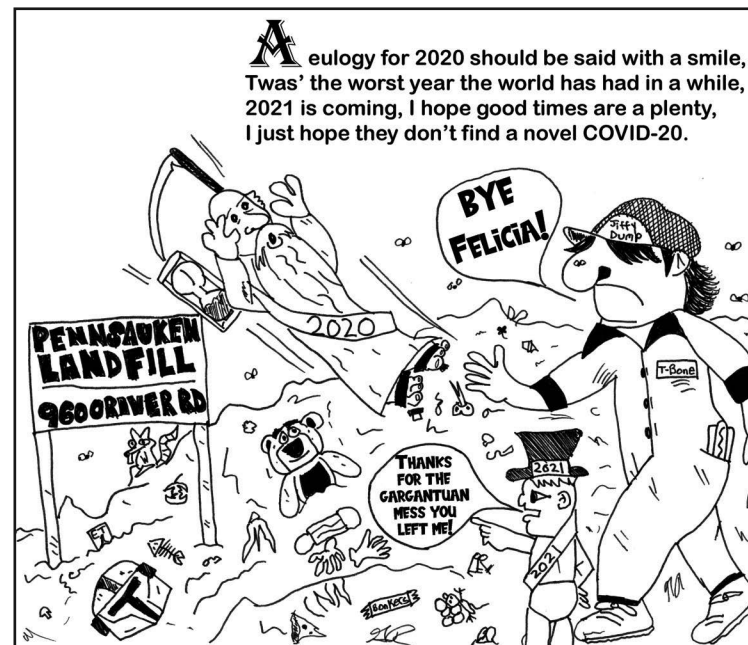
Because of the ongoing pandemic and

the restrictions it has created on in-person meetings and gatherings, the Lions until further notice will continue to meet virtually at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on the first and third Mondays of each month.

If you would like more information about our meetings, would like to be-

come a member or donate to the Lions vision our efforts, join us for one of our virtual meetings. Please follow us at Facebook.com/PennsaukenLions or email us to obtain a meeting link at PennsaukenLionsClub1@gmail.com.

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GRAYMATTERS Inspiring Quotes To Start Off A Brand New Year

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

Well, I know I'm not going to be the first to say this – nor will I be the last – but man, I am ever glad to see 2020 hit the bricks.

¡Adiós! Ciao! And So Long!

This doesn't mean that 2021 will necessarily be the year of wine and roses, but still, I'm puttin' it out there, that things are gonna' be a whole lot sunnier for all of us in many ways.

Not much has ever put the brakes on my optimism, so... why should I start now?

Gratitude is the attitude. It's what's behind all those dark clouds we see. It's the silver-lining we've heard about all of our lives.

And what a better time to believe in those silver linings than at the start of a New Year. You know, right after that glistening Waterford Crystal Ball in Times Square counts down the final seconds left of 2020, and we all sing "Auld Lang Syne," we are suddenly gifted with inspirational quotes to keep our heads attuned to a loftier place, we drink some champagne, and then we make resolutions, some based on those lofty quotes, that in truth, for some, will last just a little longer than a champagne hangover.

Here are a few of my favorite classics: "No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again."

– Buddha

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start."

– Nido Quebin

"Be so busy loving your life that you have no time for hate, regret, or fear."

– Author Unknown

As far as those above resolutions, I did pretty good with mine last year. Oh, my apple cart got upset a few times, but

I'm a resilient old gal, and nothing throws me off the horse for long.

Maybe it has to do with another quote I remember from what seems a long time ago. It was from David Bowie, and it goes like this:

"I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring."

Well said. And thank you, David, for my lifelong credo.

And now, to start things off right, I am wishing each and every one of you, and all those you love, a healthy, joy-filled, loving, peaceful, thankful, purposeful, and un-boring 2021!

Peace and love and all good things,

Your forever friend, ~Judy

Township Committee Holds Reorganization Meeting *continued from page 1*

Starting next month, All Around Pennsauken will post these public meetings in each print issue. Meeting dates can also be found at the Township website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us. Changes to the meeting schedule will be advertised in the Courier-Post and Retrospect newspapers and will be posted online via the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us; Facebook page, [Facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp](https://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp); as well as both its Instagram and Twitter feeds, @PennsaukenTwp.

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Andrea volunteers with Woof Love Rescue, where she fosters dogs and helps find homes for unwanted, abandoned, stray and neglected dogs. She has fostered 53 dogs since 2013, providing them with shelter, love, needed medical care and socialization while trying to find their forever homes.

In her spare time, Andrea can be found at her daughter's softball tournaments and hanging out with family and friends.

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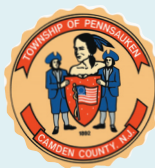
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Any Garment Cleaners Hopes To Collect 1,200 Pounds Of Food For The Food Bank Of South Jersey



Any Garment Cleaners, with several South Jersey locations, including Pennsauken, is hosting its first holiday food drive and dreaming of a blizzard of donations for the Food Bank of South Jersey.

Now through Jan. 6, Any Garment Cleaners seeks to collect 1,200 pounds of non-perishable food to address hunger in South Jersey. Donations can be dropped off during store hours. High-need items include: canned fish/meat, peanut butter/nuts, beans, canned or dried fruit/vegetables, holiday items

(stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned gravy and pie filling, instant potatoes), cereal, canned soups and stews, pasta, rice, and shelf-stable milk.

Micah Zwerling, founder of Any Garment Cleaners, says "There is unprecedented demand for the vital service the Food Bank provides, and we want to

help meet the need right here in our communities."

The Food Bank of South Jersey reports that 40 percent of current clients are seeking help for the first time.

Founded in 2001, Any Garment Cleaners proudly serves South Jersey with flat-rate, gender-neutral pricing for

everyone and special HERO pricing for educators, police, firefighters, and military service members. The Pennsauken location can be found at Routes 73 and 38 in "The Point" Shopping Center. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information and other store locations, visit WeMeanAnyGarment.com.

Sharon's Convenience Store/Consignment Holds Grand Opening

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, Tim Killion, Pennsauken's mayor for 2020, helped cut the ribbon on one of the town's newest small businesses. Sharon's Convenience Store/Consignment, located at 9380 N. Crescent Blvd., got its start a year ago at the Grand Marketplace in Willingboro, which was sold and is being demolished as part of a redevelopment project. The move to Pennsauken helps continue the dream of owner Sharon McGrier.

"This store is something I've always wanted to do," said Sharon. "I want to give back to the community, selling items that people can really afford."

McGrier describes the store as a "one-stop shop" that's part convenience store, part consignment shop with prices that won't break the bank.

"Not everybody can afford high-priced clothes," explained Sharon. "Here you can always find an outfit. We have something for everybody. We sell sandwiches. We sell salads. We sell desserts. We sell clothes. We have Lysol and Microban spray. If we don't have it, we'll get it."

Sharon is helped in this endeavor by her husband of 30 plus years, Vernon, who is more than willing to help his wife's dream thrive.

"This store is her dream," said Vernon. "She supported us for many years while I was in the military. While I was overseas, she took care of the family and put away her dreams. Now, her dreams have finally come."

"Sharon's Convenience Store/Consignment has a little bit of everything at really good prices," added Killion. "I know a lot of people are looking for Lysol sprays and wipes. They have a ton of it; and it's not for the exorbitant prices you're seeing at different stores. It's another small business here in Pennsauken that hopes to do well and grow in town. Stop by. You won't regret it."

Sharon's Convenience Store/Consignment is located at 9380 N. Crescent Blvd. in Pennsauken. The store is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, call (609) 500-3675 or visit "Sharon's Convenience Store/Consignment" on Facebook.



Tim Killion, Pennsauken's mayor for 2020, was on hand for the grand opening of Sharon's Convenience Store/Consignment on Rt. 130.



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inTown Sights Of The Season



Santa Claus, along with Tim Killion, Pennsauken's mayor for 2020, helped to flip the switch for the town's virtual tree lighting ceremony and drive thru light display on Dec. 4.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visited Pennsauken's children via Zoom during a special virtual breakfast on Dec. 5.



Pennsauken's Municipal Building, decorated for the holidays, took on a brighter sheen after last month's snowfall.



The Pennsauken Fire Department helped escort the "Man with all the Toys" all around town during its annual "Operation Santa" on Dec. 12.

New Municipal Court Hours Begin This Month

Starting this month, the Pennsauken Municipal Court will no longer have Thursday evening sessions. All court sessions will be scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. All pro se cases, a matter where there is no attorney involved, will be scheduled for 8:00 a.m. All private attorney and public defender cases are listed for 10:00 a.m.

For all private attorney and public defender matters, the prosecutor will be Dave Luthman; for all pro se matters, the prosecutor will be Timothy Higgins.

Please keep in mind there is NO IN-PERSON COURT. All court cases will be heard virtually via the Zoom application.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the court via email at court@twp.pennsauken.nj.us; or telephone by calling (856) 663-1403 x2908. Please give one to two business days for a response when leaving a voice mail.

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Pennsauken's Carlin Helps To "Spread The Light"

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Lifelong Pennsauken resident Holli Carlin spent last month spreading holiday cheer across South Jersey through a special project called "Spread the Light" that put smiles on quite a few kids' faces.

"This December, my family and I, with the help of some amazing community business sponsors, delivered 150 holiday bags to families all around Camden and Burlington County," explained Carlin, a proud member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2007 and the Apache Marching Band. "We did something like this for Halloween. It got so popular, we had to turn people away."

Holli wanted to do something for kids that missed out on a lot of activities this year due to the coronavirus, like Easter Egg hunts, summer camps, and carnivals. After signing up through Macaroni Kid Cherry Hill, a hyper-local website



Pennsauken resident Holli Carlin and her family helped distribute 150 holiday bags through the "Spread the Light" project.

and e-newsletter Carlin runs that shares information about family and kid events and activities in the community, participants could sign up to receive a

Christmas- or Hanukkah-themed bag filled with seasonal treats and goodies. But the fun didn't stop there.

"Each family who received our bags were then tasked with 'Spreading the Light' to two more families," said Carlin. "The idea was to keep the fun going and inspire the community to pay it forward during these strange times."

According to Carlin, the project was made easier with help from her husband and two children.

"It's definitely a family affair and every member has their own role." And all the hard work was certainly appreciated by the reaction from families who received

a holiday bag.

"Families love their bags! I get messages and posts thanking us," explained Carlin. "What I love the most is how excited my seven-year-old gets seeing the photos of the kids who receive their goodie bags after he's left them. I'm hoping that by doing this, I am also teaching him that giving during the holidays is sometimes more rewarding than receiving."

And based on the success of this year's project, there will definitely be more opportunities to "Spread the Light" coming.

"As long as I can continue to find amazing businesses who will help sup-

port us and help fund the project, I will continue to do this. Many of them are also parents, so they just want to help where they can," said Carlin. "A special thank you to Magic Cheerleading, Dentistry for Special People, Rosie Pose Photography, JCC Camps at Medford, Kids Kuts Voorhees, ZZ Dance, Laurel Brook Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and Altum Chiropractic for making this possible."

For more information on other fun, family activities, subscribe to the free weekly newsletter on cherryhill.macaronikid.com and visit "Macaroni Kid Cherry Hill" on Facebook.

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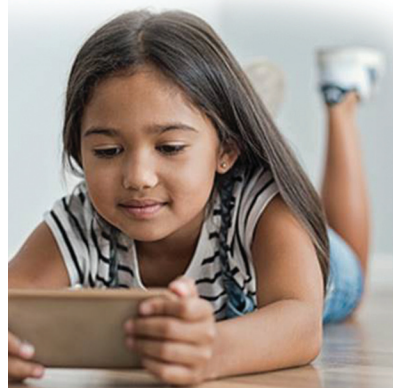


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Pennsauken's Thelma Havey Turns 100 Years Young

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On Nov. 28, Thelma Havey was thrilled to be the recipient of a parade in recognition of her 100th birthday; and each of her ten decades on the planet has been right here in Pennsauken.

"I thank the Lord for keeping me healthy and with a wonderful family to celebrate with," said Havey, who spent a good amount of time standing on the lawn greeting family, friends, and neighbors both past and present, from a distance.

Thelma lives in the home her father built with his own hands — with the help of Havey's sisters and brothers-in-law. Thelma enjoys reading and playing solitaire when nothing's on TV; and keeps busy doing chores around her

house, mowing the lawn, raking a lot of leaves, and occasionally — and there was photographic evidence to prove it — climbing a ladder to clean debris off of her roof. She was 99 when she last did that.

"I climbed the ladder myself. Nobody carried me up there," Havey joked, admitting that she hasn't done anything special to reach the century mark with so much energy. "I just live every day. I get up in the morning and go to bed at night.



On Nov. 28, lifelong Pennsauken resident Thelma Havey turned 100 years old. She celebrated with a birthday parade that passed by her home.

I don't feel any different than I did years ago."

With the coronavirus outbreak, Thelma doesn't get out in her old Buick as much as she used to. She also misses the hugs and kisses from her six children, three boys and three girls; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; neighbors; and many friends. But she already knows what she wants to do for her 101st birthday in 2021.

"If we can get together without masks on, I'm going to give a party at the Country Club," said Havey. "I'm making plans already. You do have to plan ahead."

Family Helps Newlyweds Have A Special Reception

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It was an all too familiar story last year: a couple makes plans to celebrate their upcoming nuptials, only to have the pandemic throw a monkey wrench into the works.

So when Alison Luberski of Northeast Philadelphia and Patrick Boyle of Pennsauken planned a Dec. 4 wedding in Philadelphia, they kept their fingers crossed... and crossed... until Mayor Kenney shut down the city two weeks before their big day.

"I didn't think I was going to be that upset, but we were so close," explained Alison. "I was pretty miserable for three days straight."

The wedding was still going to be celebrated at Saint Dominic's in the Northeast, but the reception could no longer be held in Philadelphia. So what to do? Patrick's parents offered a "think outside the box" alternative. The Boyles offered to host the reception in their backyard in Pennsauken. Both sides of the family came together to help surprise the bride with how it all looked on the day of the wedding.

"They wouldn't let me near the house before the wedding," said Alison. "Patrick and our families did a ton of work."

And when the newly minted Mrs.



After Alison Luberski and Patrick Boyle couldn't hold their wedding reception in Philadelphia due to COVID-19, their families came together to give them a special backyard celebration in Pennsauken.

Boyle walked into her reception that night?

"It was a total surprise. They transformed it into a 'Winter Wonderland.' It was perfect. This is how I would have pictured my wedding day. It worked out the best it could have."

So as a thank you to Patrick and their entire family, Alison asked for this article to be a surprise, for going above and beyond to make the couple's wedding day — and their Pennsauken-based reception — truly special.

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FOODADVENTURES Something To Sip On: The History Of Tea



By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

January is National Hot Tea Month! Tea has existed for thousands of years. As far back as the 3rd century in China, there are written records of tea being consumed. Tea spread across the Asian continent as a popular drink throughout the day; and as trade became more prevalent, it was especially so amongst wealthier Dutch families. After the marriage of the British royal, Charles II, to Portuguese princess, Catherine, tea became an English staple, due to the princess's affinity for the drink. Tea also sparked off the American Revolution in

1773, when a group of American settlers, disguised as Indians, dumped a large shipment of tea in Boston Harbor during the now famous event known as the Boston Tea Party. Nearly ten years later, the British government lowered tea prices and it became an accessible drink that every citizen could enjoy, not just the wealthy.

There are currently over 1,500 types of tea that exist in the world. It is the most consumed drink next to water, and has about 4 calories per cup, before you add honey or sugar. Tea also possesses an extensive list of curative properties known to help with dieting, digestion, sleep, headaches, and much more. Certain tea varieties like Da-Hong Pao are so rare and coveted, that they fetch prices north of \$1 million per 2 pounds. The history of this tea dates to the Ming Dynasty; it's said drinking Da-Hong Pao can keep the arteries to your heart clear from blockage, as well as provide antioxidants to support your immune system. Another unusual tea discovered by a calligraphy teacher is panda dung tea – yes, you read that correctly – which uses panda dung to fertilize the tea leaves. This tea is said to have properties for

cancer prevention.

In the last ten years, tea has been produced in over 40 countries. There are 2.5 million tons of tea produced each year worldwide. Its popularity continues to

gain steam, as new diets like the keto diet and intermittent fasting become popular, since it's one of the best beverage choices allowed. Tea is also available at almost every store you go to and will run

you anywhere from \$1 to \$10.

Next time you are at the grocery store, take a stroll down the tea aisle and give one a try. You might find that it's your new favorite drink; and as always, enjoy

Longo Retires From Police Department



The Pennsauken Police Department would like to congratulate Lysa Longo on her retirement. Lysa, seen here third from the left, was a valuable member of the Police Department for 17 years, where she served as the secretary of the Traffic Division. We wish you the best in retirement!

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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Virtual Wellness And Chair Yoga Classes Courtesy Of The Friends Of The Library

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Well, we made it to a new year that everyone hopes will be better than the last. Fingers crossed!

The Friends of the Library have four new virtual sessions everyone can look forward to during January, all with instructor Michele Carlino. The first two are part of the Breathing/Relaxation/Meditation classes we began last month. Participants will take some time to explore a variety of techniques to help handle stress constructively through deep breathing exercises that help the relaxation process by slowing down the heart

and calming the brain. Here's a chance to practice meditation techniques to help us focus on what is important – and to learn how to shut out what isn't. These two sessions take place Jan 8 and 15, both of which will be recorded at 10:00 a.m.

In addition, we're adding two more of the very popular chair yoga sessions on Fridays, Jan. 22 and 29. Both will also take place at 10:00 a.m.; and for anyone who's taken a chair yoga class, you'll know it's a great gentle workout that leaves you glad you invested the time.

You can register for all these classes visiting <https://bit.ly/3cs4hqO> and completing the form. When you submit the

form, you'll receive a confirmation email along with a direct link to the classes. Please note that the confirmation will say "Chair Yoga" for all four sessions. Don't worry, though: to keep things as uncomplicated as possible, we've used the same link for all our virtual wellness and chair yoga classes.

Finally, the Friends congratulate the Pennsauken Free Public Library for being chosen as one of the 38 libraries across the state to be awarded money from the Library Construction Grant to build a new library for Pennsauken. We have a special interest in the new building, too, since preliminary drawings show space being allocated specifically to the Friends, so we can continue our work supporting the library. We can't wait for the new building that will do so much for the community of Pennsauken and for

our new digs in the new library.

In the meantime, Happy New Year to all of you and special thanks to those

who have supported the Friends over the years. We're both grateful and hopeful things are gonna' get better!

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By Pam Forman, Acting Township Clerk

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New Members On Pennsauken Township Committee Eager To Serve *continued from page 1*

has an interest in providing opportunities for young people to be active and engaged.

"My fiancé, Ellie, and I have two sons, Vince, Jr. and Lincoln. We know how important it is to have opportunities for them to have fun and learn important life lessons. One of my goals as a new member of Committee is to do as much as I can for the youth in our town."

Nikki Roberts, a lifelong resident who grew up in the Homestead section of Pennsauken, is an appointee to Township Committee for 2020-2021. Roberts, who is employed by Pennsauken Public Schools as the secretary to the superintendent, replaces Al Dyer, who resigned on Dec. 1 to serve as a member of the Camden County Commissioners. Roberts takes inspiration both from the work of her one-time neighbor, Robert Cream, who started the Homestead

Youth Association, as well as her parents, who were original members of the Association and served on its board. The opportunities Nikki had growing up wouldn't have been possible without the commitment of her family – including aunts, uncles, and cousins – and the people in her neighborhood.

"You get to a point in your life when you start reflecting on how much you've received and how fortunate you've been in Pennsauken," said Roberts. "I have a true, burning desire and excitement about serving my community as a member of Township Committee. I hope that with my history and my love of the town that I serve in an excellent way."

"Everyone on Committee has been very welcoming and I feel that we have a real opportunity to work as a team and do some great things for Pennsauken. We

all share a passion and love for the town."

Nikki is a graduate of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1981. She married Darryl, a fellow PHS alumnus, in 1983; and raised their children, Darrah, Darryl, Jared and Isaiah, in town. Roberts has been a PYAA volunteer, as well as served as a board member for the Pennsauken-based South Jersey Rising Stars AAU basketball organization, for many years. Her appointment in December was a historic moment for both Township Committee and Pennsauken.

"I'm very excited and proud, as we're making history," said Killion. "Nikki is the first African-American female that is serving on Township Committee. It's something that has been long overdue. Mrs. Roberts is a great addition, and we are very much looking forward to her contributions and insight."

"It really hadn't hit me until I my daughter said it was inspiring," said Roberts. "I thought, 'Wow, the first black female ever to serve on Township Committee.' And to serve with other diverse members is awesome."

As two new members join Committee, two public servants are moving on to new things. On Dec. 15, Al Dyer was sworn in by Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. as the newest Camden County Commissioner.

"Thank you to the residents of Pennsauken for electing me as Committeeman," said Dyer in a social media post on Dec. 3. "I am forever grateful for the humbling experience I was afforded as a public servant for Pennsauken Township. As I transition into my new role as Commissioner Elect for Camden County, I'll continue to advocate for the residents of Pennsauken."

Betsy McBride is also moving on, after serving on Committee since 2011.

"It was an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Pennsauken on Township Committee over the last nine years. I'm particularly proud of my work to bring families together in celebration of our cultural diversity at the Harvest Festival for five years," said McBride, who plans to take a well-deserved break before determining what's next. "I am also happy to have been called 'The Green Lady,' as I sought to bring environmental education and action to our community."

"We once again thank Al and Betsy for their time on Committee and service to the Pennsauken community," said Killion. "We are excited with what Nikki and Vince bring to the table and look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2021."

Town's EMS Now Part Of Pennsauken Fire Department *continued from page 1*

Captain Ed Paul III, who has extensive experience in the field. Starting as a first responder for the West Collingswood Heights Fire Department in 1984, Paul became an EMT the following year and was certified as a paramedic in 1989; he also worked part time as a paramedic for over 30 years with Virtua Health System.

"It's been a fairly smooth transition," said Paul. "Chief Coyle did a great job preparing his staff for the switch. I've cer-

tainly got big shoes to fill."

Paul stated that residents can already see some changes EMS ambulances and SUVs have been painted to mirror the colors of Pennsauken's fire engines, ladder trucks, and command vehicles. In addition, EMS uniforms are now a darker blue, identical to the ones you would see on a firefighter. But one thing you won't see is less EMTs.

"Other than the retirement of Chief

Coyle, there have been no changes in staffing," explained Paul. "EMS headquarters will remain in its current building for now. Renovations are being planned for Station 2 so that we can move the division there in the next few years."

Captain Paul went on to reassure res-

idents that they can expect the same level of quality care from the town's EMTs.

"The goal of the EMS is to still provide quality care to residents and visitors. That hasn't changed. We're still here to provide a much-needed service for them."

"I applaud the efforts of our Public Safety team on making this a seamless

transition and once again congratulate Chief Mike Coyle on his well-deserved retirement," said Township Committeeman Tim Killion, who served as mayor in 2020. "While our ambulances and vehicles have a new look with 'fire truck red,' residents can look forward to the same high-level of service from our EMTs."



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January Virtual Library Events

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Programs For Children & Families

- Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays, Jan. 19, & 26; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for virtual story time fun! Aimed at increasing your child's vocabulary and attention span and teaching fine motor skills, story-time combines reading with music, dancing, multilingual skills, finger-plays and rhymes. Beginning in January, Preschool Storytime will be LIVESTREAMED on Zoom. Registration will be required to receive the Zoom login information. Please check the library's Facebook page for details. For children ages 3+ and their caregivers.
- Craft Night - Wednesday, Jan. 13; 6:30 p.m. Paint a ceramic light-up snowman with our Grab & Go Craft Kit. To register, please call (856) 665-5959 ext. 3, or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/pfplcraft>. Painting instructions will be provided live via Zoom, so Internet access is required to participate. For ages 12 and up.

Adult Services

- Community Conversation: The Value and Importance of Multicultural Children's Books - Thursday, Jan. 28; 6:30 p.m. Philly author and therapist Jenny Delacruz will speak on The Value and Importance of Multicultural Children's Books at our January

Community Conversation via Zoom. Please call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 to register. For parents, child caregivers, educators and other interested adults.

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By Billy Snyder, Athletic Director,
Pennsauken School District

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Pennsauken will be joining the EGF, the Electronic Gaming Federation. The opening title will be Rocket League. Students will practice two days a week and compete one day a week in teams of three to five students per team beginning February 2021.

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The Learn to Skate Program offers once a week group skating lessons during a six-week session. Each lesson includes 30 minutes of professional instruction and 30 minutes of supervised practice time. Rental skates are available at no charge and participants receive a Learn to Skate USA membership.

The Learn to Play Rookie Program offers a six-week introductory hockey

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